Principal’s Message

Xmas Free Dress Day—On Thursday 8 December students are encouraged to come to school in their Xmas festive clothing and donate a gold coin which will go to our Daily Mercury Christmas Appeal. This year the school, student council and P&C are asking for cash donations so that we can provide a Christmas Hamper to a less fortunate family.

2017 Student Leader Speeches and Elections: Students who have nominated to run for the positions of school and house captains will deliver their speeches tomorrow following parade. These students have worked towards completing their leadership passports and met with me to discuss the responsibility bestowed upon them as our 2017 leadership group. Students from Prep to Year 5 and staff will then vote to elect our 2017 leaders. The winners of each position via the popular vote will be ratified by the staff executive committee and announced at the end of year awards ceremony.

End of Year Christmas Concert, Graduation and Award’s Night: Our 2016 Award’s Night and Concert will be held next Wednesday with dinner commencing at 5:30pm. Santa will arrive at 6:15pm with the official ceremony commencing at 6:30pm. The evening will see us farewell our graduating Year 6 students and acknowledge their achievements. We will present academic and encouragement awards across all year levels, sing carols, perform piano recitals and concert performances and the announcement of our 2017 School and House Captains. The bar will open at the conclusion of the formal ceremony at 8:30pm. The evening is a celebration of our students’ achievements for the year and as such is a formal event. All students are to sit in their classes and are not permitted to play. The program has been devised to ensure younger students are given regular intervals between periods of sitting. We kindly request that families and community members respect the formalities of the evening by supporting us in reminding students of their responsibilities.

2017 Class Lists: At this stage Hampden will have 76 enrolments, which provides us with staff to maintain the same 3 classes we have had in 2016. Class lists have been finalised and students will get an opportunity next Thursday to see which classroom they will be in.

Report Cards: Teachers are finalising reports and these will be sent home next Thursday. If you require your child’s report to be sent via the post please contact the office. The reporting of the Australian Curriculum is very important and teachers spend a lot of time ensuring we get this right. Please be aware that a ‘C’ grade indicates that a student is achieving at the expected Year Level standard according to the Australian Curriculum for that subject at that particular year level. The comments for each curriculum subject should outline what unit work your child has undertaken, the achievements they have demonstrated and a goal for the next steps in their learning. If you would like to discuss your child’s report card please arrange to meet with their teacher.

Reward’s Day: On Friday 9 December students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sports at the Mackay Indoor Sports Centre. Students will travel by chartered bus to the centre and spend 2 hours taking part in fully supervised and refereed games. At 12pm we will travel to the lagoon for a pizza lunch and a final swim. We will return to school for the final Year 6 bell ringing at 3:00pm.

Goodbye and Good Luck! After a number of years as our wonderful Arts teacher Miss Walz will transfer to Eimeo State School in 2017 to undertake a new role. We thank Miss Walz for her passion and dedication to the numerous artistic endeavours she has taught and provided Hampden students. While she will be missed terribly, we congratulate her on her new position and wish her all the very best.

We also farewell Mrs Neilsen from the HPE role although we hope to see her back in some capacity in 2017 even if just the odd TRS supply day. Thanks for all your hard work this year.

Have a great week!

Shane Wilkie
**Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon**

As we come to the end of a very busy and productive year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, caregivers and helpers that encouraged every one of our class members to try their best. All students have had amazing results with their high frequency words and reading progress, which is a combined effort of school and home. All parent help has been greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has helped out in the morning with high frequency words and a special ‘Thank you’ needs to go to Laurinda Volker for spending most of her Wednesday mornings in our room, helping with our reading groups. I hope everyone enjoys their well-deserved break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new school year!

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**From the Lower School**

**FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL**

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<td>Well it’s been a hectic few weeks with students finishing off assessments and teachers finalising results and report cards. We can now take a bit of a breather as we are on the downhill run. Parents could you please remind your children that library books need to be returned to school ASAP. I do have a list of students who still need to return their books and they have been notified. Student books/work will be sent home next week. In case I don’t see you all, I would like to wish you and your families a very safe Christmas and New Year. I look forward to working with you and your children in 2017!</td>
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<td>With just one week to go we are frantically finishing off our final assessment tasks in time for the closing of report cards. Mrs Munchow, Mrs Morgan and myself, along with the teacher aides who work in the 4/5/6 classroom would like to thank and congratulate each of the students on a fantastic semester. Over the past weeks we have seen some amazing individual student performances which we know are the culmination of the efforts and work put in over the past year or more. We are all looking forward to next week when we can celebrate our achievements and begin to think about our holidays.</td>
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**P & C NEWS**

Hi all,

This is my final address for 2016 and I'm wondering where has the year gone. We have had a great year with many successful fund-raising events, going toward some useful improvements for our school. It is the tireless contribution of the army of volunteers that make all we have achieved possible. So on behalf of the Hampden P & C I would like to thank all those who gave their time throughout the year either by helping with fund-raising events, grounds care, tuck shop or the many unnoticed contributions that keep our school successful.

A quick reminder the P&C will be having a “Thank you” afternoon at the school on Sunday 4th December to recognise the great work done by so many volunteers who have contributed to our school. There will be free drinks and a sausage sizzle so please come along and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with other Hampden families.

On behalf of the Hampden P&C we wish every one a safe and very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

“Years end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instil in us” Hal Borland

Cheers,
Scott McLean
Hampden State School P&C President

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**KUTTABUL KIDS PLAYGROUP**

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our playgroup this year. I hope you have all had a fun and rewarding experience at our playgroup. Thank you to the students of Hampden who are always willing to lend a hand with the set up on Fridays.

Tomorrow will be our final playgroup for this year. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2017 and wish you and your family a safe, happy and relaxing holiday! Merry Christmas to all!

Barb Perna
Playgroup co-ordinator

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE**

How to join the NDIS as it rolls out

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolling out across Queensland using local government area boundaries. You can search when the NDIS will roll out in your area at www.qld.gov.au/ndis.

The NDIS has rolled out in your area the first step to becoming a participant is completing an access request.

People who receive disability support services through the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) will be contacted by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to start this process.

People who aren't receiving disability support services through DCCSDS may still be eligible to receive support through the NDIS. The NDIS access checklist is available from www.ndis.gov.au. If you may be eligible you are encouraged to call the NDIA Hotline on 1800 800 110 to start the access request process.

Once an access request is submitted people will be kept informed about its progress and the next steps in the process. Frequently asked questions about accessing the NDIS are now available.

If the roll out is more than six months away for your local government area there is a range of readiness initiatives to help Queenslanders to prepare for the NDIS. Visit www.qld.gov.au/ndis for more information including the NDIS events calendar.

If you have any questions about the NDIS call 1800 800 110.

- For people with hearing or speech loss: TTY 1800 555 677, Speak and listen 1800 555 727
- For people who need help with English TIS 131 450
Birthday Celebrations for December 2016 & January 2017:

Hannah—Year 5: 7th December—11 years old
Connor—Year 6: 12th December—12 years old
Ruby—Year 1: 25th December—7 years old
Samuel—Year 3: 4th January—9 years old
Blair—Year 2: 14th January—9 years old
James—Year 6: 21st January—12 years old
Luke—Year 6: 21st January—12 years old
Shelby—Year 4: 23rd January—10 years old

Happy Birthday! We hope you have a great day.

AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY 18th November 2016

Year P/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Matthew…… For recognising all the letters of the alphabet!

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Claire…… Engagement and contribution in Science.
James…… For working well with algebra in Maths.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Tahlia…… Consistent effort in learning her High Frequency words.

FRIDAY 25th November 2016

Year P/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Michael…… For his positive attitude in reading groups.

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Isabella…… For the excellent presentation of her written work.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Ryan…… For his focus and dedication to complete all his work.

Principal’s Award Winners

18/11/2016
Daisy
For story writing.

25/11/2016
Jack
For amazing improvement in CARS reading comprehension post test!

Birthday Celebrations for December 2016 & January 2017

Hampden Volunteers
Thank you BBQ

Sunday December 4th at 4pm

Hampden P&C are holding a Thank you afternoon in recognition of the many generous volunteers that have contributed to ensuring our school is supported. Please come along to the school and enjoy a free sausage sizzle with drinks and nibbles' provided.

This will be a great opportunity to reward all the exceptional families that without your support we could not succeed!
SCHOOL HAPPENINGS IN PICTURES!

FEBRUARY 2016
LEADERS’ INDUCTION

MARCH 2016
FUN WITH MATHS

APRIL 2016
ANZAC DAY

MAY 2016
STUDENTS Vs STAFF/ PARENTS

JUNE 2016
BOOK FAIR

JULY 2016
ROCK POP MIME

AUGUST 2016
QLD FIRE & EMERGENCY VISIT

SEPTEMBER 2016
THRASS INFORMATION MORNING

OCTOBER 2016
DEADLY AUSTRALIANS

NOVEMBER 2016
DRUMMING PLANET

GENERAL MESSAGES

LIBRARY BOOKS

There will be no further borrowing of library books for 2016. Please return all library books to school by Wednesday 7 December 2016.

STUDENT PACKS— reminder that orders for the 2016 student packs from Kookaburra Education Resources, need to be placed online by Thursday15th December 2016 to ensure delivery to the school by Monday 16th January 2017. Orders received after the nominated cut off dates will receive a lower priority and may not be delivered before the start of Term 1 in 2017. Go to www.kookaburra.com.au and enter username HAMPD003 and password student pack. Alternatively offline order forms are available from the office should you need another copy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

For EFT/Direct Deposit Payments, our School’s Bank Account Details are . . . .

Bank: CBA    BSB: 064707    A/C No: 00090298

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Our P&C Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month

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